

Monthly Mailing – April 2019

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your April 2019 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please note that there are *two items for area meetings only* at the end of this letter. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **May 2019**, will be sent out on 30 April 2019.



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this item is relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-apr19

Listings

- **Books of the Month April 2019** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses April 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **In Fox's Footsteps: Planning 1652 Country Quaker Pilgrimages 2019**
Please display this brochure from Swarthmoor Hall and announce in notices.

We suggest that some of the items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.

Children and young people

1. 15–18s Come to Yearly Meeting Accompanying

24–26 May, Friends House, London (non residential),

Booking deadline Sunday 28 April

Accompanying is a non-residential offer for 15–18s at Friends House in London during Yearly Meeting (YM). It includes attendance at YM and optional social activities out of session time.

Please promote Accompanying to young people aged 15–18 (born between 1 September 2000 and 31 August 2003) using the leaflet enclosed with the mailing.

Anyone can come to YM. However to participate in Accompanying, individuals need to book in advance.

www.yqspace.org.uk/accompanying-2019

Aleks Zawadzka, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1013



Please promote Accompanying to young people using the leaflet enclosed with the mailing.

Young Friends General Meeting

2. The Young Quaker magazine

The latest issue of YFGM's magazine 'The Young Quaker' can now be read online – *please note that a print version is not being included in the monthly mailing this time*. Offering readers a deep dive in the kaleidoscope of spirituality that defines our Young Quaker community, this issue explores what the spiritual means in modern Quakerism through poetry and prose: <http://theyoungquaker.org.uk/>

Faith Biddle, yfgm@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1050

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Announce in notices. Encourage Friends to read TYQ online.

3. Young Friends General Meeting gathering

3– 6 May 2019, Liverpool Quaker Meeting House

Young Friends General Meeting (YFGM) is a national community of young Quakers aged 18-35(ish). There are three gatherings a year in different meeting houses across the UK. Each gathering is a chance to cook and share meals together, explore the Quaker faith, hear from speakers within and beyond the community, and engage in Quaker business method to continue the running of the YFGM charity.

To register and for further details, see the YFGM website at <http://yfgm.quaker.org.uk>, where you can also find Documents in advance. Documents in advance two, with the full agenda will be available there shortly after the planning weekend at the end of March. You can also see updates on the facebook group page at www.facebook.com/events/2621013311259607.

For further information contact: yfgm@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1050

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Please let young Quakers know about this event.

Peace work

4. Seeking participants for human rights programme in Palestine and Israel

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) is seeking participants to serve in Palestine and Israel for 3 months in 2020. Ecumenical Accompaniers provide protection by presence to vulnerable Palestinian communities, monitor human rights abuses, support Israeli and Palestinian peace activists, and advocate for an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

Expenses are covered and a living allowance and benefits offered.

The closing date for applications is 23 April 2019.

Apply at: www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi

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Announce in notices.

5. Call for Nobel peace prize nominations

As recipients of the Nobel peace prize in 1947, Quakers have the right to send a nomination each year to the Nobel committee in Oslo. If you or your meeting have a suggestion to offer for the 2020 award, please see the attached flyer to find out how you can get involved.

The closing date for nominations is 1 June 2019.

Philip Wood, philipw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1071

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Announce in notices and display flyer.

Climate justice

6. The Time is Now – mass climate lobby

Wednesday 26 June, Central London

Save the date! Quakers in Britain will join people from across the UK for a mass lobby of Parliament to demand urgent action for our climate and environment. We'll call for bolder climate targets, and a strong environmental policy. Join us on the day to meet with your MP. Details of the day to be confirmed. The lobby event will happen in the afternoon at Parliament. Friends are invited to join interfaith workshops in the morning at a nearby venue.

To sign up and for more details, please contact:

Chris Walker, chrisw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1047

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Please announce in notices and bring to the attention of Friends and groups in your meeting that are active on sustainability.

Help us with feedback

7. BYM events – give your feedback

Have you attended a BYM event in the past few years? Please tell us about your experience of any BYM events you have attended, or tell us why you haven't been able to attend. BYM hosts regular events for Friends to develop our thinking, encourage action on a variety of Quaker concerns and share experience among role holders. Your feedback will help us to develop events that are both relevant and accessible for you.

Please visit <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/bym-events-feedback> to complete a short survey that should take no longer than 15 minutes.

The deadline for responses is 8 April 2019.

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Please share this with your meeting and encourage Friends to complete this short survey by Monday 8 April.

Items for area meetings only

Quaker Stewardship Committee

8. Call for 2018 AM trustees' report & accounts

Quaker Stewardship Committee (QSC) needs to receive trustees' annual reports & accounts from all area meetings to fulfil its responsibilities to Yearly Meeting (see *Quaker faith & practice* 4.10m).

Please remind your clerk of AM trustees to send the 2018 report & accounts when ready. It helps QSC members if you would also fill in and return a checklist found on www.quaker.org.uk/trustees (link under 'Area meeting report and accounts').

Please send to Helen Griffith, preferably by email, and she will send a copy on to your area meeting's QSC Link Friend.

Helen Griffith, heleng@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1161

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Please pass this reminder to your clerk of area meeting trustees.

Data protection

9. Data protection and area meeting registration

After discussion with the Information Commissioners' Office, we have changed our registration status with them. Now our registration only covers Britain Yearly Meeting, the charity.

In the past, we were under the impression that meetings who were not registered charities could 'come under' our registration. This is no longer the case.

All area meetings must take the self-assessment on the ICO website to see whether they should register independently: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-fee/self-assessment/>

Many area meetings are already registered separately. We would ask any remaining area meetings to go through the self-assessment tool above and if assessed as needing to register, do so for their area meeting.

We have contacted meetings individually for whom we think this is the case to advise further. Please feel free to contact BYM Data Protection group for more information: dataprotection@quaker.org.uk



Please pass this information to your clerk of area meeting trustees.